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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, BM

SUBJECT: ARMORED CARS

REF: A. STATE 169516; B. RANGOON 2126

1. WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF COL. SEIN TUN'S STATEMENT THAT THE CADILLAC GAGE ARMORED CARS' PRI,ARY MISSION WOULD BE ROAD PATROL AND CONVOY ESCORT. V-150 VEHICLES ARMED WITH 20MM OR 76MM WEAPONS IN LIEU OF SMALL CALIBER MACHINE GUNS WOULD SEEM NOT WELL SUITED FOR RIOT CONTROL.

2. WHILE THE POSSIBILITY OF OTHER USES CANNOT BE RULED OUT COMPLETELY, THE DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED THAT THE EMBASSY HAS REITERATED THE USG POSITION REGARDING THE USE OF SUCH VEHICLES AS A POLICE WEAPON TO SUPPRESS URBAN RIOTS STIMULATED BY POLITICAL DISSENT.

3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO ADVISE CADILLAC-GAGE THAT AN EXPORT LICENSE COULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUED FOR THE SALE OF NINE OR TEN V-150 ARMORED CARS TO THE GUB. HOWEVER, SUCH A LICENSE WOULD BE ONLY FOR VEHICLES CONFIGURED TO RECEIVE 20MM OR 76MM GUNS. INGERSOLL

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